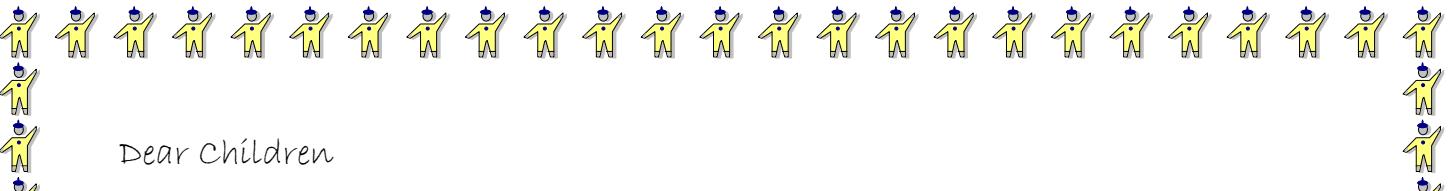




What do I need to
know about coming
back to school this
September?

An information booklet for
Y1-6 children at Barker's Lane

September 2020



Dear Children

We are looking forward to a new school year. We were lucky enough to see some of you just before the Summer holiday for a short time but it has also been a long time (almost six months or half a year) since we may have seen you.

Even if you came back just before the Summer, there are a few things that have changed a little bit in school since you were last here.

This booklet will help you to understand some of the extra changes we have had to make to help us all keep learning and be safe. Teachers are also sharing videos on Seesaw for you to have a look at..

Our golden rules are still the same -

- ☺ Be ready
- ☺ Be respectful
- ☺ Keep everyone safe

It will be very important to follow all of our rules. If this has been tricky for you before, you will need to talk to your family to help you. We are doing lots of extra things to keep everyone safe at Barker's Lane and we will need your help by following the rules.

For the first time ever in September, most of you will get chance to spend a little bit of time in your old class before you move to your new class. Very unique!

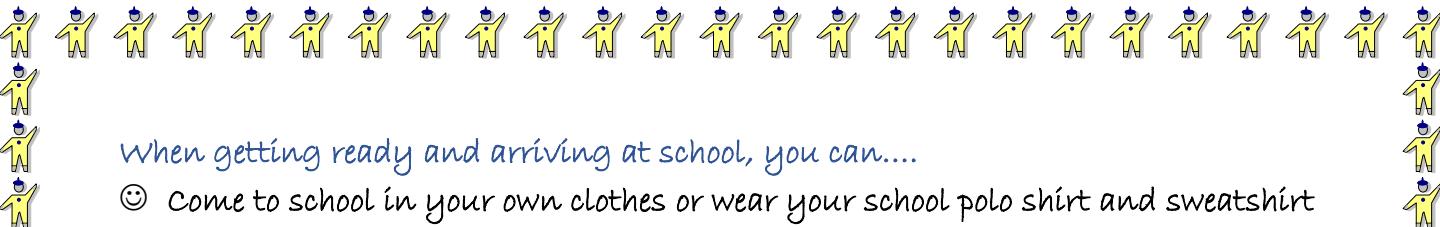
You may be feeling excited and happy, you may feel a little bit anxious or you may feel a bit of both about coming back to school. Lots of our adults have felt some of these feelings too. All of these emotions are okay to have....remember to share your feelings with words where you can, this way we can help.

We are really looking forward to seeing you with your class and all of your friends. We also can't wait to hear about what you have been doing during the Summer.

See you soon

Mrs Edwards and Everyone at Barker's Lane





When getting ready and arriving at school, you can....

- ☺ Come to school in your own clothes or wear your school polo shirt and sweatshirt
 - you will need to wear joggers, tracksuit bottoms or leggings (not school trousers or skirt) because we will be spending time outside where we can.
Remember to wear two layers as we will have the windows open a lot!
- ☺ Wear pumps or trainers, no flimsy sandals, flip flops, crocs or heeled shoes. If you are wearing laces, you need to be able to tie these yourself. You might need to practise this with your mum or dad.
- ☺ Come onto the yard at your special time. Come through the top gate by the red patch and post box - you might not have used this gate before. Here is a picture to help you.
-  You need to be on time - there is no entry through the front door.
- ☺ If you are in Y1, Y2 or Y3 come to school with an adult and wait together on a special spot on the yard. This is to help with 'social distancing' or 'keeping a space between other people and your family'.
- ☺ If you are in Y4, Y5 or Y6 and you don't have a younger brother or sister in our school, come onto the yard by yourself and wait on a coloured spot. Send your adult who drops you off outside the gate off to work or back home!



Can you see the spots inside the big yellow rectangle on the yard?

This is where you need to wait.



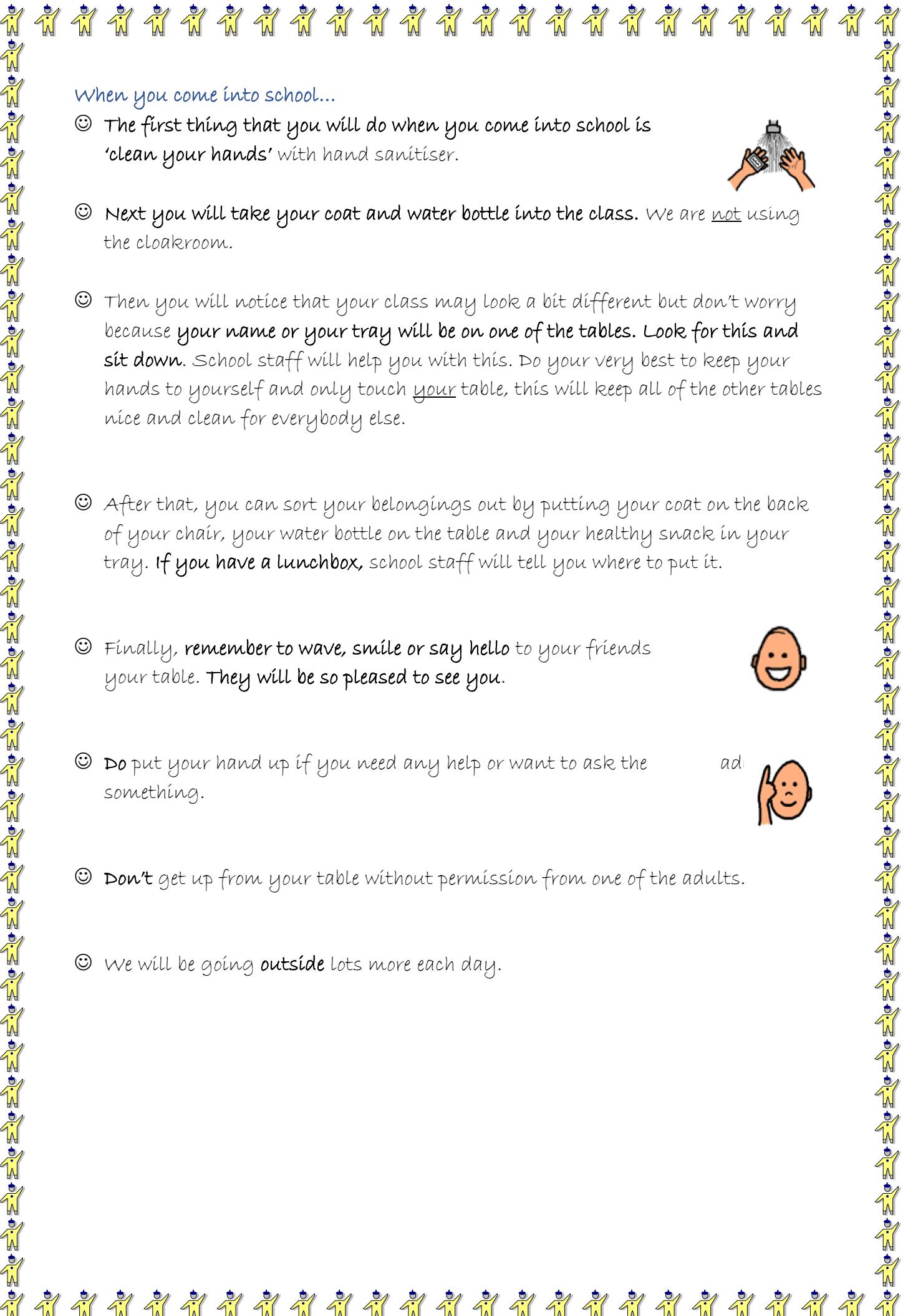
- ☺ Your teacher will come to the top of the steps on the yard and call you to come forward.
- ☺ If you came to school with your mum, dad or other family member, they will then follow the arrows to go off the yard through the middle gate, by the top of the ramp.



← You will walk down the steps.

Your adult will follow the arrows to the middle gate. →





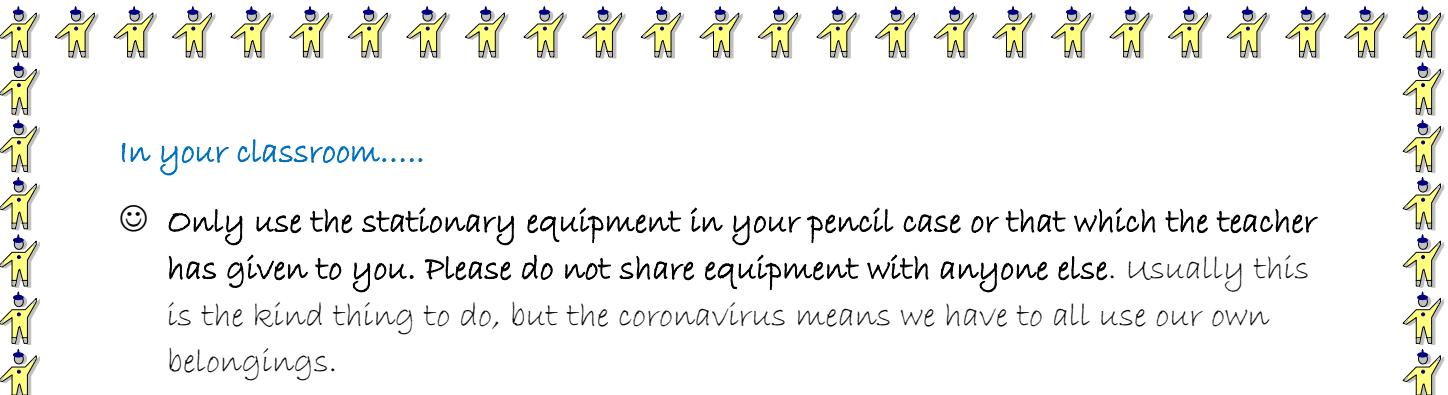
When you come into school...

- ☺ The first thing that you will do when you come into school is 'clean your hands' with hand sanitiser.

- ☺ Next you will take your coat and water bottle into the class. We are not using the cloakroom.
- ☺ Then you will notice that your class may look a bit different but don't worry because your name or your tray will be on one of the tables. Look for this and sit down. School staff will help you with this. Do your very best to keep your hands to yourself and only touch your table, this will keep all of the other tables nice and clean for everybody else.
- ☺ After that, you can sort your belongings out by putting your coat on the back of your chair, your water bottle on the table and your healthy snack in your tray. If you have a lunchbox, school staff will tell you where to put it.
- ☺ Finally, remember to wave, smile or say hello to your friends at your table. They will be so pleased to see you.

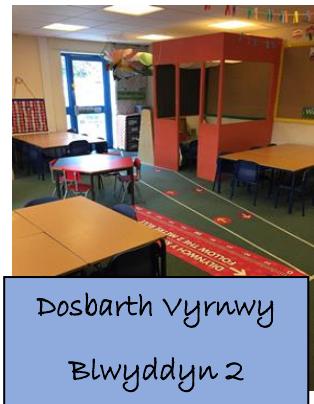
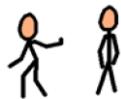
- ☺ Do put your hand up if you need any help or want to ask the teacher something.

- ☺ Don't get up from your table without permission from one of the adults.
- ☺ We will be going outside lots more each day.



In your classroom.....

- ☺ Only use the stationary equipment in your pencil case or that which the teacher has given to you. Please do not share equipment with anyone else. Usually this is the kind thing to do, but the coronavirus means we have to all use our own belongings.
- ☺ There might be other equipment in class that you need to use, if you are unsure put your hand up and an adult will let you know what to do.
- ☺ When we are inside, stay at your own table to do your work and have fun with your activities. You will still be able to see and talk to your friends in a classroom voice.
- ☺ Keep a big space where you can from the adults in your class. We call this 'social distancing.' Which adults still have to do.





Going to the toilet....

☺ We will be having toilet breaks just like we usually do in school, but if you need to go at other times, just put your hand up and ask an adult.

☺ Don't leave 'needing a wee' until last minute! Only one person from each class can go to the toilet at once.

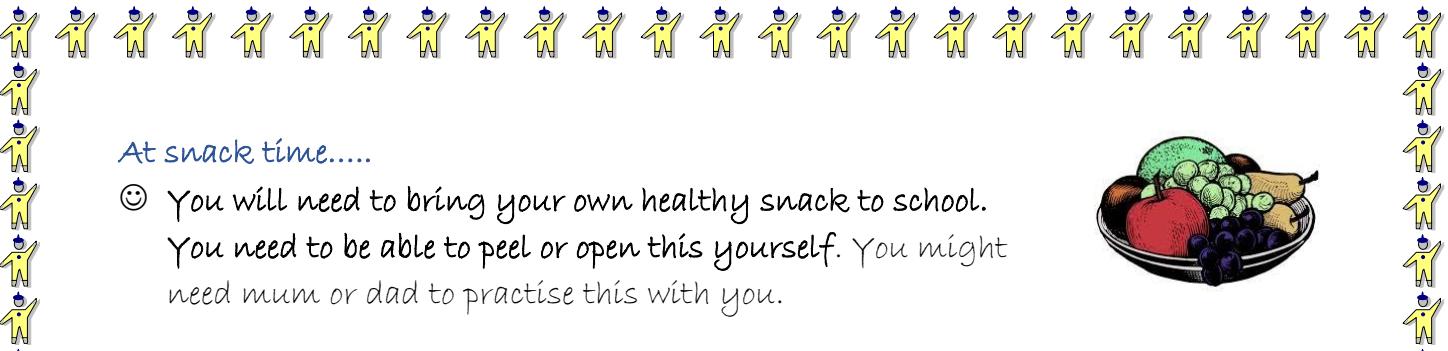
☺ You will notice that everyone has to use the cubicles, whether you need a wee or a poo!



☺ Wash your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds in the sink. Dry your hands with a paper towel and then put it in the bin.

☺ We will be doing extra cleaning in the toilets - spraying the door locks, flush handles / button, taps and the soap dispenser.





At snack time.....

- ☺ You will need to bring your own healthy snack to school.
You need to be able to peel or open this yourself. You might need mum or dad to practise this with you.
- ☺ Your teacher will organise for all of your class to clean their hands before having snack and we will wipe your table to make sure that it is nice and clean.
- ☺ You will eat your snack at your own table. We will wipe your table afterwards so it is clean for you to work at.
- ☺ We will be doing lots of outdoor activities. Each time we come back in from outside, everyone will wash their hands.

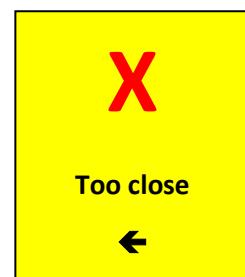


No usual P.E but lots of outside activities...

- ☺ You don't need your P.E kit for school. Everyone will be wearing clothes for outdoors, pumps or trainers so we can go outside and do as much exercise and outdoor activities as we can.

Whatever activities we do, although you can now get closer to your friends, remember to try to do your very best to keep a safe distance between you and your teachers.

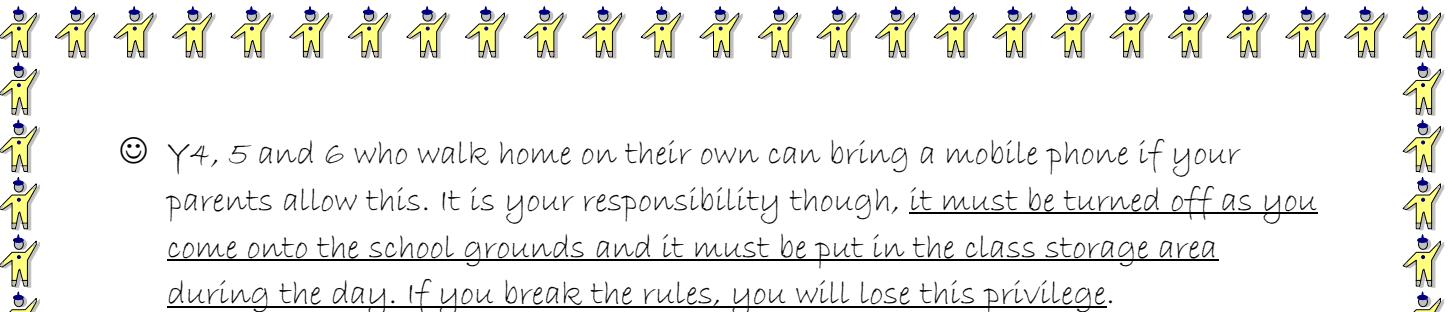
We will help you to remember this and we will also make sure that things are still fun to do.



What can I bring to school...

- ☺ Showerproof coat, your water bottle, a healthy snack and your lunchbox.
- ☺ You can bring a small pencil case to leave in your tray in your first week. This has to stay in your tray all year. If your pens run out, you can bring in some new ones to put in your pencil case.





- ☺ Y4, 5 and 6 who walk home on their own can bring a mobile phone if your parents allow this. It is your responsibility though, it must be turned off as you come onto the school grounds and it must be put in the class storage area during the day. If you break the rules, you will lose this privilege.
- ☺ Do not bring a bag, your P.E kit or any other toys / teddies.



The rules...

- ☺ Our golden rules are still the same:

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- ☺ Rules are important. Rules help us know the right choice to make and how we all can keep ourselves and others safe.
- ☺ There are some new rules like staying at your table, putting your hand up to ask to go to the toilet, coughing /sneezing into your elbow or a tissue and keeping a safe distance from your teachers. We will help you with these but we expect everyone to follow them as best they can.



- ☺ There are also some new rules about where to walk in the corridors and the hall. There are arrows and markers to help you. All of the adults in school will help you remember too.



- ☺ Everyone must follow the rules. You will know that there are consequences if you choose to break the rules. If you have found following the rules tricky before or have made silly choices which have resulted in you getting into trouble, it would be a good idea to ask your mum or dad to talk to you about the rules and why it is so important to follow them.

If you feel poorly...

- ☺ If you are feeling unwell, let one of the adults working with your class know as soon as possible.
- ☺ Remember to cough or sneeze into a tissue or your elbow. tissue in our special tissue bin after you have used it. You will need to clean your hands after you cough or sneeze.





When it is hometime...

☺ If you are in Y1, Y2 and Y3 you have to be collected by an adult or a big brother or sister who knows the rules about social distancing for adults.

☺ Your family member will wait on a coloured spot on the yard your teacher will take you out at the end of the day to them. You will then follow the arrows to leave the school yard together through the middle gate.



☺ If you are in Y4, Y5 and Y6

- and you are walking home on your own you will walk with school staff to the back gate. You need permission from your parents to be able to walk home on your own.
- or you will walk with school staff to the back gate to be collected by an adult or big brother and sister who knows the rules about social distancing.
- or if you have a younger brother or sister in N-Y3 in our school and your adult is collecting you, you will walk with school staff to the steps on the top yard to meet your family.

Feeling a little bit worried or anxious...

☺ Remember lots of us need help to remember new things. All of the adults in school will be here to help you.

☺ Lots of children might have the same questions or worries as you.

☺ We will help you with anything that you want to know and any worries.

☺ Remember, like we said before, children all over the world have had a similar experience to you and have had to stay home from school for some time....you are not on your own.



If you have questions about anything which is not in the booklet, you can always ask school staff when you come back to school.

